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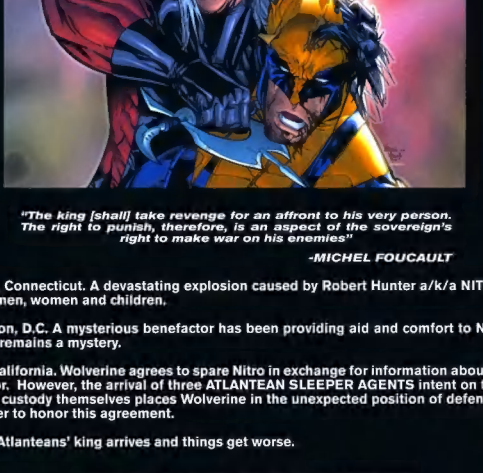

*"The king [shall] take revenge for an affront to his very person. The right to punish, therefore, is an aspect of the sovereign's right to make war on his enemies"*

*-MICHEL FOUCAULT*

**Stamford, Connecticut. A devastating explosion caused by Robert Hunter a/k/a NITRO kills over 600 men, women and children.**

**Washington, D.C. A mysterious benefactor has been providing aid and comfort to Nitro. To what end remains a mystery.**

**Big Sur, California. Wolverine agrees to spare Nitro in exchange for information about Nitro's benefactor. However, the arrival of three ATLANTEAN SLEEPER AGENTS intent on taking Nitro into custody themselves places Wolverine in the unexpected position of defending Nitro in order to honor this agreement.**

**Then the Atlanteans' king arrives and things get worse.**

# "VENGEANCE"


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BUT THEY'RE JUST FOOT SOLDIERS FOLLOWIN' ORDERS.
YOU'RE A KING.
SHIELD
GOTTA BE HONEST, I EXPECTED BETTER.
SO DID I.
YOU HAVE THE REPUTATION OF A MURDERER.
HOW DO YOU DO IT, EXACTLY? BORE PEOPLE TO DEATH?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT...

CHOK
THIS IS FOR THAT LEAKY CRACK.
AAAA-YIII!
I'M WEARING ARMOR, SWEETHEART.
WHAT'D YOU THINK THAT BLADE'S GONNA DO ANYWAY?
NOW...
YOU GONNA GIVE ME THE NANO...
OR DOES YOUR SECRETARY HERE GET SOME REPULSOR RAYS IN STEREO?

I'M GOING TO TEAR THE LUNGS FROM YOUR CHEST...
DON'T.
I GOT THIS.
SNIRT
BRING IT ON, SHORTIE.
SHUMP
DONE.
ENGH
Aah!

# WOLVERINE

Dear Wolverine:

Let us tell you why there are Sentinels outside your home. It is rash decision-making, such as taking it upon yourself to track down Nitro. Why are you gods amongst men not beholden to the law? Holding all accountable for their actions upholds stability, safety and freedom for those of us without the power of regeneration, super strength or flight. For all we know, Iron Man's suit doesn't even meet emission standards and he could be causing our ozone problems! Under registration, everyone will be held responsible for their actions and you may even be given the lawful authority to bring in Nitro—as usual, you jumped the gun.

The Cottrells
Arlington, TX, USA

**Wow! An impassioned statement from some loyal fans... I think I know which side they're on!**

Whassup.

First off, I would like to congratulate you guys on a job well done on the Wolverine regular series and on Origins. However, issue #43 left a kind of controversy as to how Wolvie could regenerate himself after being burned alive by Nitro. Not only burned, but he had all skin, cells and everything else cooked off him too. How is it possible to come back from that? Can you guys explain this? My theory is that Humberto Ramos got a little carried away in his portrayal.

DV
Internet

**Here's the official explanation from writer Marc Guggenheim himself: "Yeah, I'm aware of the controversy... A couple of things... first and most important, I don't want anybody blaming Humberto for this. He drew what I told him to. Period.**

**"Second, this level of injury/regeneration has been done before: Morrison did it in his first X-Men arc; Millar incinerated Logan in his last Wolverine issue (the Holocaust story); Way hit Logan with a nuclear missile; and Claremont even had Logan regenerating from a single cell of blood in Uncanny X-Men Annual #11.**

**"Finally, who said that Logan's 'cells and everything else' were incinerated? Why couldn't his brain have been protected from Nitro's blast by his Adamantium skull?**

**"All that having been said, this 'controversy' actually works nicely with what I've got planned for issue #48. In that issue, we'll..."**

**Whoops. Probably shouldn't quote any more of that...**

Wolverine guys:

Please oh please tell me you guys are keeping this fabulous team of Marc Guggenheim and Humberto Ramos on this book. I don't care if you have to chain them up in the Merry Marvel Creative Geniuses Dungeon (we all know it exists) and feed them mystery meat for the rest of their natural lives. Good ol' Logan never sounded and looked so good. I'm a happy camper, folks!

Hector D. Montes, Wolvie Fan
Internet

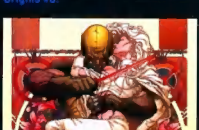
**Well, Hector, first the bad news and then the good. As much as Marc and Humberto love working on this book, they won't be staying on until the end of time. The good news is that we've got them scheduled in until Wolverine #48, which means there's still plenty of Guggy and Ramos goodness to look forward to. And the team that follows Marc and 'Bert should just about blow your socks off... but that's all I can say or I'll get thrown in that Merry Marvel Dungeon (in the non-Creative Genius section). After that, well, who's to say that they couldn't return very soon?**

**--Michael**

**Next month, in Wolverine #46:**

**Wolverine vs. Damage Control? Oh, jeez... who's gonna clean up this mess? Marc Guggenheim and Humberto Ramos better bring their brooms and mops for "Vendetta" part 5!**

**Available now in Wolverine Origins #5:**



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